

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on

Friday, the 2nd April, 2010

(Originally Starred Question Nos. 113, 115 and 118 were set down for answer on 25-3-2010)

113. ***Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 27 permits for hunting of endangered species of Houbara Bustard have been issued to foreign dignitaries during hunting season, 2009-10; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to cancel those permits?*

Transferred to the Foreign Affairs Division for answer, on next Rota Day.

115. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the date of commencement and completion of double lane of National Highway from Peshawar to Rawalpindi;*
- (b) the name of contractor to whom the contract of said project was awarded;*
- (c) the amount of fund allocated for the said project; and*
- (d) the reasons for delay in the completion of the said project?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) The Peshawar – Rawalpindi Section (N-5) was dualized in packages and the process was completed in 2005. Only two rehabilitation / improvement projects under National Highway Improvement Program were undertaken thereafter. Details are at **Annex-A**.

- (b) Requisite info is at **Annex-A**.
- (c) Requisite info is at **Annex-A**.
- (d) Reasons for delay are at **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

COMPLETED/ONGOING PROJECTS

Contract	Section	Km	Rs in M	Start	Completion	Status
C-9	Tarnol-Chablat	57	1393	Aug-05	jun-10	On-going
C-14	Nowshera-Peshawar	68	789	Aug-04	Aug-09	Completed

REASONS FOR DELAY /SLOW PROGRESS

1. Design issues.
2. Difficulties in diversion of voluminous traffic.
3. Contractors cash flow hiccups resulting in insufficient resources.
4. Irregular supply of bitumen by local refineries at various stages.
5. Abnormal increase in cost of road construction material (C-14).
6. Inadequate provision of price escalation adjustment.
7. Additional works (service roads, rigid pavement & underpasses, C-9).
8. Additional works (median raising, C-14).
9. Security issues of expatriates (C-14)

118. ***Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise production cost incurred upon indigenous LPG for the last five years till date;*
- (b) *the sale price to the authorized dealers at present;*
- (c) *the criteria adopted to determine the prices of LPG for general consumers alongwith monitoring mechanism of price thereof; and*
- (d) *the increase/decrease made in the prices of LPG for general consumers since March, 2008 till date?*

Reply not received.

216. ***Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to supply LPG and LNG through out the country regularly and sufficiently;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?*

Reply not received.

217. ***Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to plant olives and palm saplings in the country during the next plantation drive;*
- (b) *if so, the location-wise total number of those saplings; and*
- (c) *the locations-wise saplings planted in the country during the last five year?*

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): (a) Ministry of Environment supports planting of olive trees in Pakistan. However, olive requires special climatic conditions to grow. Presently, Forest Departments have no proposal

to include olive and palm in tree planting campaign. However, Capital Development Authority (CDA) has plan to plant 2000 saplings of olive during Monsoon Tree Planting Campaign, 2010 subject to availability of required planting stock.

(b) During Spring, 2010 in Islamabad CDA has planted 300 olive saplings. The location wise detail of olive planted in Islamabad is:

200 in Green-belt Sector D-12 and 100 at Islamabad Club & Convention Centre.

218. ***Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any plan to impose ban on cutting all kinds of trees in the country in order to develop forest;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented alongwith the duration thereof?*

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): (a) Federal Government has already imposed ban on commercial harvesting of forests in September 1993. Subsequently the Ministry of Environment has prepared a draft National Forest Policy, in consultation with Provincial Governments and all stakeholders. In draft policy the issue of cutting of Forest trees and development of Forests has been addressed in the light of lessons learnt from past experiences at length. The draft policy will be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration & approval shortly. If the Cabinet approves the draft National Forest Policy it will be implemented through federal and provincial line agencies/departments.

(b) As explained above it is the responsibility of the Federal and Provincial Governments to implement the National Forest Policy.

219. ***Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total amount of funds allocated during the year, 2007 till date for renovation/repair of airports in the country; and*
- (b) *the total number of those projects launched and completed during the said period?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) The total amount of funds allocated during the year, 2007 till dates for renovation / repair of airports in the country, is Rs.12 8.050 million.

(b) The total number of major projects launched / commenced and partially completed from 2007 till date are 15.

220. ***Mr. Laiq Muhammad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) *the location-wise total number of sapling planted in the country during the monsoon plantation drive of 2009 alongwith the total expenditure incurred thereupon; and*

(b) *the total number of sapling to be planted under the said drive in 2010 alongwith the location and the funds allocated thereof?*

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): (a)

Agency	No. of Sapling planted in Monsoon 2009 (in million)	Location/Districts	Expenditure (Rs. In million)
Punjab	13.58	Kasur (Changa Manga plantation), Gujrat (Daphar), Rawalpindi (Murree), Mianwali (Kundian), Bhakkar (Mitha Tiwana), Multan (Multan, Khaniwal, Lodhran, Sahiwal, Pak Pattan, Vehari), D.G. Khan (DG Khan, Rajanpur, Muzaffargarh, Layyah), Bahawalpur (Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Rahim yar Khan)	81.9
Sindh	6.29	Karachi, Thatta, Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allahyar, Mattiari, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Mithi, Sanghar, Nawabshah, Naushahro Feroze, Dadu, Jamshoro, Larkana, Kambar, Shikarpur, Khairpur, Sukkar, Jacobabad, Ghotki	22.414
AJK	6.04	Muzaffarabad, Bagh, Poonch, Sudhnuti, Kotli, Mirpur, Bhimber	34.15
Gilgit-Baltistan	0.025	Mushko, Gahkuch Ghizer, Basho & Hussainabad, Skardu, Rama Astore, Babusar, Diamer	0.129
NWFP	2.897	Peshawar, Mardan, Kohat, Bannu, D.I. Khan, Haripur, Galies, Agror Tanawal, Sirn, Kaghan, Hazara Tribal, Daur, Kunhar, Kohistan, Buner, Swat, Alpur, Dir-Kohistan, Lower dir, Upper Dir, Kalam, Buner, Malakand	Details of Expenditure Awaited

Balochistan	0.400	Mastung, Kalat, Uthal, Awaran, Pishin, Killa Abdullah, Killa Saifullah, Loralai, Musa Khel, Zhob, Kharan, Khuzdar, Bolan, Sibi, Dera Murad jamali, Dera Allah Yar, Kohlu, Barkhan, Magsi	Details of Expenditure Awaited
FATA	4.500	Khyber, Mohmand, Bajaur, Orakzai, Kurram, North, South	Details of Expenditure Awaited

(b) The decision regarding planting target for provinces for Monsoon 2010 shall be taken in Inter-Provincial / Inter-Ministerial meeting for Monsoon Tree Planting Campaign 2010 scheduled to be held in first week of July 2010.

221. ***Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to reduce the prices of petroleum products in the country in accordance with the oil prices in International Market;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

222. ***Mrs. Fouzia Ejaz Khan:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to allocate quota of seats of PIA flights for MNAs to facilitate them during Sessions of the National Assembly and its meetings;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) & (b) There is no such direction from the Federal Government. Therefore there is no proposal under consideration by PIA to allocate quota of seats on PR flights for Honourable Members of Parliament.

223. ***Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state the province-wise total number of development schemes launched during the year 2008-09 alongwith the funds allocated for each scheme?

Minister for Local Government and Rural Development (Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim): The Ministry coordinates implementation of PWP-I. The province-wise number of development schemes launched during 2008-2009 is as under:—

Province	Number of Schemes Funded	Funds Released (Rs. Million)
Punjab	1671	1619.145
Sindh	566	795.964
NWFP	934	437.215
Balochistan	380	284.310
FATA	335	143.423
Islamabad	56	48.995
Total:-	3942	3329.052

As for information regarding “funds allocated for each schemes” is concerned, such detail of 3942 schemes is quite voluminous. However, complete information is available in the Ministry and can be perused any time.

224. ***Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- a) whether any inquiry was conducted on collapse of Sher Shah Northern By-pass Bridge, Karachi; if so, the present status of the said inquiry;*
- b) whether there is any proposal to make the said report public; and*
- c) whether any action was taken against the responsible persons; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) Yes, an Inquiry Team was appointed by the Prime Minister’s Inspection Commission (PMIC) to determine the cause of the collapse of the bridge and to affix responsibility. The report of this team categorically attributed the collapse of the bridge solely and primarily to ill-conceived structural system and design prepared by the Consultant M/s ECIL.

- (b) Inquiry report is already posted on NHA web-site www.nha.com. pk.
- (c) Detail of action taken against those held responsible is at Annex-A.

Annex-A**NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY****COLLAPSE OF SHERSHAH BRIDGE ON
KARACHI NORTHERN BYPASS**

1. Proceedings against M/s ECIL for declaration by way of black-listing are pending adjudication before Pakistan Engineering Council; initiated upon the recommendations of PMIC-Inquiry Team.

2. Departmental disciplinary actions by way of show cause notices and explanations to officers recommended by the PMIC-Inquiry Team, within NHA were duly served by the Competent Authority and are in final phases of processing.

3. An appeal (CPLA) against Mr Naveed Zaheer, Director M/s ECIL is pending adjudication before the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan Islamabad against judgment dated Sep. 14, 2008 of Sindh High Court at Karachi in CP# D-1198/-8, whereby the Honorable High Court passed direction to remove his name from Exit Control List, placed on the recommendations of Minister of Interior under Section-2 of Exit from Pakistan Control Ordinance, 1981.

4. An appeal against judgment dated May 29, 2009 in CP# D-620 of 20-09 of Sindh High Court at Karachi has also been preferred before the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan, against exemption/ removal of M/s. Zaheer Mirza and Khalid Mirza, Directors, M/s ECIL from the Exit Control List.

5. NHA has instituted a suit for damages against M/s ECIL before the Court of Original Jurisdiction at Islamabad for sum of Rs. 4,696,982,088/- with costs, for damage to the bridge and tarnishing the image of NHA.

225. ***Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Neural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia had provided free of cost crude oil to Pakistan during the year 2002 to 2007; and*
- (b) *whether any foreign country is presently providing crude oil to Pakistan at low price; if so, the name of those countries?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) Saudi Arabia supplied 149.70 million barrels Crude Oil under special arrangements from July 1998 to December 2003.

(b) No.

226. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the total length of roads in kilometers constructed by NHA in the country during the period from 1st January, 2000 to 31st December, 2007 alongwith the locations thereof; and*

(b) *the total expenditures incurred on those roads?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) Twenty nine (29) national highways/ motorways projects having a total length of 1975 km were constructed during Jan-2000–Dec-2007, Requisite details are at **Annex-A**.

(b) As above.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

227. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the location-wise National Highways started in the Punjab Province during the year 2008-09; and*

(b) *the total cost of the said project alongwith the name of contractors, date of completion and total length of said Highways?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) Twelve development projects were commenced by NHA in Punjab during 2008-09.

(b) Requisite details are at **Annex-A**.

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PUNJAB
STARTED BY NHA DURING 2008-09

Section	Km	Rs. Cr. M	Start	Completion	Contractor
Rehabilitation/Up-gradation (R-5)					
1. 4-lane Underpass at Wari Gate No 1	1.286	739	Dec-08	Jul-10	GRC
Jinnah - Vehari - Bahawalpur Chowks, Multan (N-5)					
2. Jinnah Chowk - Vehari Chowk	4.2	234	Jul-08	Jun-10	Watan
3. Vehari Chowk - Bahawalpur Chowk	3.8	532	Nov-09	Nov-10	Lahf
4. Drainage works (Jinnah- Vehari Chowks)	4.2	67	Jun-09	Mar-10	Watan
5. Service roads (2-lane) (NB & SB) (each)	3.5	81	Dec-09	May-10	Nazar/ Supercon
Jalalpur Pirwala - Uch Sharif					
6. Pack-I (Km 00+00 to 07+50)	7.5	642	Oct-09	Dec-10	Friends
7. Pack-II (Km 07+50 to 14+80)	7.3	775	Dec-09	Dec-10	RMC
8. Pack-III (Km 20+00 to 46+81)	26.8	1158	Dec-09	Dec-10	SKH
Musa Pak Bhaheed Bridge (River Sutlej)					
9. Bridge & allied works including approach roads	5.3	1387	Jun-09	Dec-10	Karoon/ Mishal
Head Muhammadwala Bridge (River Chenab)					
10. 2-Lane Bridge	1.01	756	Jun-09	Dec-11	GRC
11. Right approach road & guide bank	3.34	457	Jun-09	Sep-10	HUC
12. Left approach road & guide bank	7.34	941	Jul-09	Dec-10	Zarghaon

Legends

	Messers'
1. Friends	Friends Enterprises
2. GRC	Ghulam Rasool & Co
3. HUC	Hidayat Ullah & Co
4. Karoon/Mishal	Karoon/Mishal Sana (JV)
5. Lahf	Lahf & Co
6. RMC	RMC Construction
7. SKH	Saudullah Khan & Bros
8. SBC	Southbound Carriageway
9. Nazar/Supercon	Sh Nazar Muhammad/Supercon
10. NBK	Northbound Carriageway
11. Pack	Package
12. Watan	Watan Builders
13. Zarghaon	Zarghaon (Pvt) Ltd

228. *Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of bomb detecting equipments installed in the Airports in the country at present alongwith the name of those Airports;*
- (b) *whether the suitability and performance of those devices are up-to the required standard;*

- (c) *if the reply to part (b) is in the negative, whether there is any proposal to replace those devices with the sophisticated equipments of required standard?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) Three types of explosive detectors *i.e.* Quantum Sniffer, Sniffex and Khojee (developed by ASF at its own) have been provided at the airports. The name of airports where these have been provided are Peshawar, JIAP Karachi, AIIAP Lahore, BBIA, Islamabad, Quetta, Dalbandi, Zhob, Sukkur, Turbat, Gwadar, Panjgur, Multan, Faisalabad and D.I.Khan. At the less used and smaller airports, other electronic metal detectors, electronic screening devices and manual checks are carried out. In addition to this Anti Narcotics Force (ANT) has installed electronic surveillance systems to check for any illegal activity. This is supplemented by CCTV coverage of all major areas within and outside the buildings.

- (b) Yes.

229. ***Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that LPG quota was issued to persons in excessive of prescribed limit since the year 2004-05 till date; if so, the name of those persons; and*
- (b) *whether any action has been taken against the responsible; if so, the detail thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) No.

After deregulation of LPG Business with effect from 15.09.2000, this Ministry has no role to play in the allocation of LPG Quota to any party. However, all the producers of LPG have the right to either market their product themselves or dispose it of through the licensed LPG marketing companies through competitive bidding. Accordingly this Ministry is unable to provide details of names of such persons whom excessive quota was allocated; the LPG allocations are now the sole prerogative of LPG Producers.

- (b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

230. ***Mrs. Anusha Rahman Khan Advocate:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the high magnitude mineral resources are not excavated in the country at present; if so, the reason thereof;*
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to renovate and modernise the methodology, technology and equipments for exploration of minerals in the country; and*
- (c) the steps taken to attract entrepreneurs from abroad for exploration and extractions of minerals?*

Reply not received.

231. ***Mr. Mohammad Afzal Khokhar:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of oil and gas wells explored during the current fiscal year 2009-10 till date alongwith the locations thereof;*
- (b) the year-wise total quantity of petroleum and natural gas tapped out in the country during the last three fiscal years till date; and*
- (c) whether those reserves are sufficient for domestic requirement?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) During the current fiscal year, ten (10) oil, gas and gas condensate discoveries have so far been made in the country. The details are at Annexure- I.

(b) Total 43 discoveries have been made since 2006 -07. Out of these 26 discoveries are under appraisal, whereas estimated reserves of remaining 17 discoveries are 35 million barrels of oil and 249 billion cubic feet gas. Details are at Annexure II.

(c) No.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

232. ***Dr. Araish Kumar:**

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) *the losses and profits of Port Qasim Authority since March, 2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the total budget allocated and revenue generated by the said authority during the said period?*

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri): (a) Port Qasim Authority has earned profit of Rs.3358.00 million during the said period.

(b) PQA is a self-financed organization, the budgeted and actual revenue during the said period is as under:—

(Rs. in Million)

Budgeted Revenue	Actual Revenue
12120	13280 .

ISLAMABAD:
The 1st April, 2010.

SAFDAR HUSSAIN MALIK,
Acting Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Friday, the 2nd April, 2010

(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 262,9, 118, 119, 126, 128 and 132 were set down for answer on 25-3-2010)

262. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names and addresses of the persons against whom the cases are pending in NAB in the country at present alongwith the details of the charges against them?

Reply not received.

9. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of employees of National Highways and Motorways Police who were granted rewards/bonous during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 till date alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the total amount collected by the National Highways and Motorways Police as fine during the said period?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) The detail of employees of National Highways and Motorways Police who were granted rewards/bonus during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 till date is at Annex.

(b) As per NHA act the fine amount is being collected by the NHA whereas National Highways & Motorways Police is only fine imposing agency.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

118. **Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy adopted at present for storage of fuel in the country; and*
- (b) the steps taken to utilize the Thar Coal at its full potential for generating electricity?*

Reply not received.

119. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, domicile and designations of PIA employees posted in USA at present;*
- (b) the date of posting of those employees,*
- (c) the name of person who recommended those postings; and*
- (d) the criteria adopted in this regard?*

Reply not received.

126. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the location-wise new Welfare Project established in the country during the last two years by Army Welfare Trust (AWT) alongwith the detail thereof?

Reply not received.

128. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a percentage of amount of fine collected is paid to National Highways and Motorways Police as commission/reward; if so, the ratio and justification thereof; and*

(b) *the total amount of said commission/reward paid to the said police during the last three years?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) and (b) No percentage of amounts of fine collected is being paid to National Highways & Motorways Police as commission/reward.

132. **Syed Javed Hassnain Shah:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to give apprenticeship to the graduates of Petroleum Engineering in petroleum exploration; if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received.

258. **Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the strategy prescribed to tackle the Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)?

Reply not received.

259. **Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No.73 replied on 19-2-2010 and to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal to establish a Regulatory Authority for those Private Courier Companies;*

(b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Postal Services (Mir Israr Ullah Zehri): (a) and (b) The proposal regarding establishment of Private Couriers Regulatory Authority is not under active consideration of Pakistan Post Office Department. The idea, however, will be taken up in the next PPSM Board meeting and further action, if any, will be taken after the aforesaid meeting.

260. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a huge amount is outstanding against government payable to the Oil Refineries at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to pay the said amount to those Refineries?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) Around Rs.7.6 billion are outstanding against government payable to Oil Refineries on account of Price Differential Claims (PDC)/subsidy on petroleum products and PARCO Refinery Shortfall in Guaranteed Return.

(b) Necessary provisions in the next budget are being made to clear the above outstanding amounts.

261. **Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to restore/re-establish High Court in Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

262. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of employees of Sui Southern and Sul Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd in the country at present;*
- (b) *the total amount incurred on the pay and allowances etc. of those employees during the last two years till date; and*
- (c) *the grade-wise and designation-wise free of cost units of natural gas admissible to those employees at present?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) Total number of SSGCL employees:

Executive = 2389

Subordinate = 3241

Total = 5630

Reinstated Sacked Employees:

Executive = 833

Subordinate = 2161

Total = 2994

Grand Total = 8624

Total number of SNGPL employees:

Executive = 800

Subordinate = 6114

Total = 6914

(b) Total amount incurred on pay and allowance by SSGCL:

2007-2008 = 3,265,559

2008-2009 = 3,826,506

July 2009-Feb 2010 = 2,595,455

Total = 9,687,520

Total amount incurred on pay and allowance by SNGPL:

2008 = 2,445,576

2009 = 2,344,542

- (c) (i) Only employees of subordinate cadre (of all grades i.e. Grade-I to Grade-V) are allowed gas tariff facility in Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) SSGC @ 4 MCF to 5 MCF/month or 48 MCF to 60 MCF/ year. Moreover, gas tariff facility for the subordinate employees posted at cold stations (Quetta, Mustung, Kalat, Ziarat, Pishin, Kuchlok and Mach etc.) are allowed 110 MCF/ per year. Furthermore, it is pertinent to mention that total 187 employees of executive staff who were retired /deceased in 2001 are still allowed free gas facility as per details given at Annexure-C.
- (ii) Only career terms Subordinate Staff of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) are entitled to free gas facility up to a maximum of 5HM per month.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

263. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the present repairing work of the Super Highway Karachi-Hyderabad is sub-standard and unsatisfactory;*
- (b) *if so, the whether any action has been taken against the responsible;*
- (c) *the year-wise total number of road accidents took place on the said Highway during the last three years; and*
- (d) *the total number of casualties and number of persons injured in those accidents alongwith the total number of vehicles destroyed thereof?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) No. All on-going repair & maintenance works on Karachi - Hyderabad Super Highway, especially routine maintenance to attend the patches & potholes works are satisfactory.

(b) Nil.

(c) Total 80 accidents took place. Year-wise break-up is given below:—

Year	Fatal	Non Fatal	Total
2007	7	25	32
2008	7	16	23
2009	12	13	25
Total:	26	54	80

(d) Total 41 individuals lost their lives and 216 were injured. Year-wise detail is given below:—

Year	Killed	Injured	Vehicles involved
2007	12	107	Truck, Trailer, Car, Bus, Motorcycle, Van
2008	08	50	Truck, Trailer, Bus, Van, Jeep, Motorcycle
2009	21	59	Truck, Oil Tanker, Trailer, Bus, Van Camel Cart
Total:	41	216	

264. **Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and designations of those employees of this Ministry who visited abroad on government expenses during the period from January, 2008 to 30-06-2009 alongwith the names of countries thereof; and*
- (b) *the total amount incurred on those visits alongwith the benefits accrued to the Ministry therefrom?*

Minister for Local Government and Rural Development [Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq A. Thahim]: (a) Secretary, LG&RD attended the “Ministerial Retreat and Special Session of the Governing Council of CIRDAP Member Countries” from 24-26 June, 2008 at New Delhi, India as the meeting of Governing Council of CIRDAP have been categorized as obligatory in terms of Cabinet Division’s Instructions.

(b) A sum of Rs. 39,784/- was incurred by this Ministry on account of TA/DA of the visit of Secretary.

Policy makers, planners and implementers to deliberate upon issues relating to rural development and formulate action for integrated rural development in CIRDAP member countries.

265. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Doctors of Pakistan Army working in the Cantonment areas are entitled to the same service benefits as admissible to those Doctors of Army Medical Corps; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that certain Doctors of Pakistan Army are not being given the same facilities; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

266. **Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that pension is paid to the employees of Civil Aviation Authority in accordance with the formula applicable to the Federal Government;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said formula is not admissible to the employees of PIAC; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) **Yes**, pension is paid to the employees of CAA in accordance with the formula applicable to employees of the Federal Government.

(b) **No.** The Pakistan International Airlines Corporation employees and Cockpit Crew Pension Fund has been constituted and established under Section 58 to the Income Tax Act, 1922 by separate deeds of trust. Therefore, the rules and regulations regulating pension of PIA employees have been separately framed as approved by the PIAC Board of Directors.

267. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government to hold Local Body Election in the Cantonment Board in the country;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) and (b) This Ministry is of the view that elections in Cantt Boards of the county may be held under relevant provisions of Cantt Act 1924 after completion of election process of other Local Bodies in all Provinces as per previous practice.

268. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) the name, educational qualification, experience, date of birth, pay and privileges admissible to the present Project Directors/ Manager of the development projects of the Ministry; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for appointments of those officers?*

Reply not received.

269. **Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.64 replied on 19-2-2010 and to state the head-wise total amount incurred on those projects launched to create human rights awareness separately?

Reply not received.

270. **Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of new Sui gas meters for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes purchased by the Ministry since March, 2008 till date; and*
- (b) the names of companies from whom those meters were purchased alongwith the rate thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) The Ministry does not purchase gas meters. However, gas meters are procured by the gas utility companies.

Total number of gas meters for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes, purchased by the gas utility companies since March, 2008 till date, is as under:—

	Domestic	Commercial/Industrial	Total
SNGPL	1,100,000	20,609	1,120,609
SSGCL	NIL	6,570	6,570
Total	1,100,000	27,179	1,127,179

(b) the names of the companies from whom those meters were purchased alongwith the rate is annexed as Annex-I

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

271. **Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan Khanan Khail:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the sacked employees of SNGPL have since been re-instated in the services;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that those employees are not being paid salaries and other financial benefits admissible to a regular employee; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the time by which the said benefits will be paid to those employees?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) Yes, the employees have been reinstated.

(b) The reinstated employees are being paid consolidated salaries as per directions of Sub Committee of the Cabinet of sacked employees/workers.

- (i) The Trainees/ Assignees (Ex-SNPs) have been assigned grades equivalent to career terms employees on basis of their educational qualification. Their consolidated salaries constitute Basic pay plus Compensatory Allowance. House Rent Allowance, Conveyance Allowance and Electricity Allowance. They are also entitled for Traveling/Halting Allowance & Hotel accommodation on official visits as per their entitlement.

(ii) The management Trainees are being paid consolidated salaries as per directions of Sub Committee of the Cabinet.

(c) All reinstated employees are being disbursed salaries and benefits as per their entitlements.

272. **Engineer Usman Khan Tarakai:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal to construct an Interchange near colonel Sher Cadet College at Ismaelia, District Swabi on Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway;*

(b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) Interchanges on access controlled fenced motorways are provided on the basis of traffic potential, public service perspective and financial viability for round-the-clock toll operations. Proposed interchange at km 92 of M-I does not satisfy any of these pre-requisites.

Following further factors are also worth mentioning:—

◆ An interchange exists at km 73 to provide access to Swabi. It also facilities Kernal Sher Cadet College.

◆ Another interchange at Marhatti Banda/Misri Banda road crossing (km 101) is under construction.

(b) As above.

273. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the head-wise total deficit suffered by the PIA during the current financial year?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) PIA has suffered a loss of Rs. 5822 (in) during the year 2009. The details are as under:—

		<u>2009</u>
		<u>Rupees in million</u>
Net Revenue	—	Rs. 94,564
Other Operating Income	—	Rs. 494
Total Income	—	Rs. 95,058
Operating Cost	—	Rs. 99,123
Operating Loss	—	Rs. 4,065
Financial Cost	—	Rs. 9,244
Loss before Tax	—	Rs. 13,309
Loss after Tax	—	Rs. 5,822

274. **Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the posts of Assistance Engineer Executive Engineers in the Directorate General of Post Offices are lying vacant at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to fill up those posts; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Postal Services(Mir Israrullah Zehri): (a) No post of Assistant Engineers (BPS-16) is lying vacant in the Dte-General PPO Islamabad. However, one post of Executive Engineer (BPS-18) is lying vacant in the Dte-General. The promotion case against the above mentioned post is under process.

(b) As stated above only one BPS-18 post of Executive Engineer is vacant which is being filled through promotion.

275. **Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that certain Officers in the Directorate General of Post Office have been promoted during recent past contrary to the recommendations of the Vigilance Committees;*
- (b) *if so, the name and designation of those officers alongwith the justification thereof?*

Minister for Postal Services(Mir Israrullah Zehri): (a) All promotions in the Pakistan Post Office Department are processed and finalized in accordance with the recruitment rules and procedures as prescribed by the Government of Pakistan. Hence no illegal promotion has been made by the Pakistan Post. It is further stated that in pursuance of Prime Minister's Secretariat U.O. No. 5 (6)/SO (E-11)/2006 dated 30-05-2006, Vigilance Directorate has been abolished on 30th June 2006 vide Ministry of Communications Notification. No. 6(10)/2006-Admn dated 1st June 2006 (copy enclosed). At present no Vigilance Committee is in operation since abolishment of above mentioned Vigilance Directorate. So promotion of any officer contrary to the recommendations of the Vigilance is not tenable.

(b) Nil.

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SAFDAR HUSSIN MALIK,
Acting Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 1st April, 2010.